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# LITTLE WATER KEPT THEM ALIVE

## Stray Men from Sch. Tacoma Rescued After Being Four Nights and Days in Dory—Had Rowed 200 Miles —Helpless When Found.

After being astray four days and nights during which they suffered terrible hardships, Everett Conroy and Alexander Harrington, two of the men from the Tacoma, Capt. William Corkum and this port were picked up by the Tacoma last Sunday and brought to Boston yesterday.

The men were so weak from exhaustion that they had to be lifted on shore by the Tacoma. They were sighted 20 miles southeast of Little Hope, N. S., Sunday and with little strength remaining the men rowed towards the shore. They had lost their craft in a dense fog and while fishing on

Western Banks started in the direction of land. For four days and nights the men rowed alternately, continuing until they were so stiffened in muscles and weak from exhaustion and hunger that they were obliged to give up. The small supply of water in their dory was all that kept them alive, which they drank sparingly.

When picked up by the Tacoma, the men were in a bad shape physically. On board the Tacoma they were given every consideration and after being revived told of their experience. They rowed they figure fully 200 miles in an effort to reach land.

When the Tacoma reached Boston yesterday, the men had fully recovered. They will wait in Boston until the arrival of the Richard.

## MAKERELING AS PORTLAND SEES IT

The salt mackerel catch to date is ahead of last year at this time, being up 6,667 barrels as compared with 1757 barrels for the same time in 1913, while the fresh mackerel catch to date is 51,937 barrels, as compared with 28,809 barrels in 1913.

This is encouraging and is in line with the reports that have been coming in from all along the New England coast for the past month. A writer in the Gloucester Times also comments optimistically as follows: "The old timers will be delighted to hear of mackerel hauls off the Isle of Shoals. Who knows, perhaps soon the fish may come up in Squam River and the hook and then won't there be a lot of fish from the water bridge to Pearce's land? Come, sonny, polish up your

rod of which reminds us of a recent conversation with James Nickerson, of Orrs Island. He related that during this fine run of mackerel the Island fishermen have caught their full share of tinkers which they command more than that. A barrel of mackerel weighs 200 pounds and the fish run from 3-4 to 1 1/2 inches for which the fishermen are paid fresh \$2 a barrel. These same fish when split and salted are brought

Naturally this led to an inquiry as to why the fishermen did not split and salt all their tinker mackerel, and Mr. Nickerson gave the interesting information that to the younger generation of fishermen mackerel catching is a new and comparatively unknown game. So it is not unlikely that our quoted Gloucester writer will have to show "Sonny" what a mackerel jig is before it can be polished up. Instead of getting rich out of the present fine run of tinkers the young Maine coast fishermen are selling them to the wholesalers and cold storage people for \$2 a barrel because they are not equipped with the necessary paraphernalia for mackerel catching nor are they familiar with the methods which enabled their fathers back in the 80's to accumulate small sized fortunes in the fisheries.

A majority of the young fellows do not even know how to properly split a mackerel for salting. The vessels used by them for fishing are too small for carrying barrels and then, too, the fishermen have no supply of barrels on hand. All along the coast the cold storage concerns are stocking up on these fine tinkers and it is reasonable to suppose that about the time when the Wintry winds blow and we are paying \$27 a barrel for imported mackerel, as we do each winter, they will unload the supplies they are now accumulating. And who can blame them? But the point is that the fishermen are not making much money out of mackerel because they are not equipped and it is a new game to the young fellow. Should the present fine run continue and then recur another year the chances are they will be better prepared. In 1886, which was the year

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of the high-water catch, nearly half a million barrels of mackerel were caught and eaten by the people.—Portland Press and Advertiser.

### Portland Fish Notes.

Dullness yet prevails in the local fish business, the extraordinary scarcity of fish which has prevailed for the past three weeks having discouraged many of the fishermen, who say that the present conditions are the worst they ever knew. It is not unusual during the summer season for the fish to disappear for a week or so, but in the present case many of the localities where fish in former years have always been found are now absolutely deserted. The fleet of fishing steamers operating out of this port have hardly seen a fish for a fortnight, while the boat fishermen working near shore complain that the few fish they get on their hooks are stripped to the head by dogfish before they can get them into their boats. The dogfish this season are claimed to be the largest and fiercest ever seen on the coast, some of them being fully four feet long.

What is believed to be the largest fare of fish ever landed at this port was that brought in Tuesday by the beam trawler Wave, she landing 160,000 pounds of mixed fish at the Burnham & Morrill factory. The catch was made in the South Channel, where fish seem to be plenty enough, a marked contrast to the conditions prevailing in this vicinity.

The schooner Marie Turner arrived Tuesday with a fare of 10,000 lbs. of halibut and 20,000 pounds of shack fish.

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## BIG FARE FOR SCH. F. L. OLIVER

At Boston this morning is sch. Flora L. Oliver from a Georges trip with 150,000 pounds fresh fish, one of the largest fares of the summer. Most of the trip will probably be sent here to split.

Other groundfishermen in were schs. Viking and John J. Fallon and the beam trawler Crest, besides two with swordfish and the mackerel trips reported in another column.

Dealers quoted \$1.50 to \$2.50 a hundred weight for haddock, \$3.25 to \$4 for large and \$2 for market cod, \$1.50 for pollock and 12 cents a pound for fresh halibut.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. John J. Fallon, 50,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 4000 hake, 2000 pollock.  
Str. Crest, 34,000 haddock, 700 cod.  
Sch. Viking, 1500 haddock, 19,000 cod, 200 pollock.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver, 100,000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 500 halibut.

Str. A. B. Widerson, 30,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Sch. Corsair, 14,000 lbs small fresh mackerel.

Str. Carrie and Mildred, 10,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, 18,000 lbs small fresh mackerel, 22 bbls. salt mackerel.

Str. Quoddy, 7000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, 4000 lbs. small fresh mackerel, 4100 large and medium, 20 bbls salt mackerel.

Str. Foam, 22,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Pythian, 15,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Sch. Advance, 40 swordfish

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.25 to \$4; market cod, \$2; pollock, \$1.50; halibut, 12c lb. for white and gray; swordfish, 16c lb. for fresh mackerel, 30c to 40c each for large, 10c to 12c for medium, 5c lb. for small.

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## PLACE BAN ON SALEM CLAMS

State House, Boston, August 13.—The Commissioners on Fisheries and Game have received formal notice from the State Board of Health that that board had made investigations, and had therefrom concluded that the waters of Salem Harbor are so contaminated with sewage that the clams taken therefrom are dangerous to the public health. According to sections 113 and 114 of chapter 91 of the Revised Laws, the State Board of Health requests the Commissioners on Fisheries and Game to prohibit the taking of clams within the following described territory:

The waters or flats of Collins Cove, Salem Harbor, inside or south of a line drawn from the wharf of the Salem Gas Company to Old Hospital Point, and also the waters or flats of Palmer's Cove inside or west of a line from Long Point to Pickering's Point.

At the meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game on August 7th, it was voted that action be taken on this matter, and the prohibition against taking shellfish in the harbor be put in force on and after September 1, 1914.

### Labrador Not Improved.

Says the St. John's, N. F., Trade Review:

Labrador has not improved much since we last wrote, and the voyage will be short and late. The Northern part of the island has improved a little, but not much, squids are scarce. To the west and south the catches are small, but there is a little doing everywhere. In the city nobody wants to buy fish at present, owing to the uncertainty of chance for marketing, but merchants are taking from dealer at \$5 per quintal, without prejudice to after the war conditions.

### Marine Railway Collapses.

With the steamer Long Island in the cradle, the marine railway of Richard T. Green in Marginal street, Chelsea, collapsed late Wednesday afternoon. The boat went into the water but the only damage was to the pilot house. A wooden block was thrown across the street and through a factory window. No one was injured.



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# ONE HALIBUTER IN HERE TODAY

Sch. Mystery, Capt. James Mason, another of the halibut fleet, arrived from LeHave yesterday, being the only off shore here up to noon today. Some 170,000 pounds of fresh fish came down yesterday afternoon which went to split.

From Swan's Island is sch. Sadie M. Kimball with 1100 quintals cured fish for the Cunningham & Thompson Co.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. John Hays Hammond, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mystery, LeHave Bank, 9000 lbs. fresh halibut, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish, 8000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Ralph Russell, salt drifting, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Tacoma, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Lillian, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Sadie M. Kimball, Swan's Island, 1100 qtls. cured fish.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, drifting.

Sch. Pinta, seining.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, seining.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining.

Sch. Little Fannie, seining.

Sch. Victor, seining.

Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.00.

Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.

Salt drift codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Cush, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Haddock \$2.50.

Hake, \$1.80.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Flitched halibut, 8 1-2c, 6c and 3c per lb.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$9 per bbl.

Salt tinker mackerel, \$11 per bbl.

### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.15; medium, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.

Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.30.

Cusk, large, \$1.65; medium, \$1.20; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, \$1.

Small pollock, 60c per bbl.

Fresh halibut 8 1-2c per lb. for white 6 1-4c for small gray and 4c for large gray.

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Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 t freezer; \$1.75 to salt.  
Fresh mackerel, 25c each for large, 18c for medium, 5c per lb. for tinkers.  
Fresh shad, \$2.50 per bbl.  
Fresh bluebacks, \$2.50 per bbl. for bait; \$1.50 to salt and freeze; 60c per bbl. for oil.  
Whiting, 60c per bbl.

# MACKEREL HAULS ON MIDDLE BANK

The seiners are getting them right along and some more small mackerel fares are at Boston today.

Sch. Corsair, Capt. George G. Hamor is back again this morning at the new pier with 14,000 pounds small mackerel. Others to arrive are schs. Ralph L. Hall, 18,000 pounds, Lottie G. Merchant, 4000 pounds and 4100 large and medium count; steamers Carrie and Mildred, 10,000 pounds small; Quoddy, 7000 pounds small.

Yesterday afternoon, sch. Pythian, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, arrived at the pier from the Middle Bank, with 15,000 pounds small. Capt. Jacobs reports fish schooling in the mornings, he having taken his fish then. Capt. Jacobs reports that other crafts also took fish.

Schs. Ralph L. Hall has 22 barrels salt and Lottie G. Merchant, 20 barrels salt mackerel.

Large fresh mackerel brought from 30 cents to 40 cents each, medium 10 cents to 15 cents and five cents a pound for small.

## Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Mystery sold to the American Halibut Company for eight 1-2 cents per pound for white, six 1-4 for small gray and four cents for large gray.

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# SALT MACKEREL TAKE BIG JUMP

Salt mackerel took another climb yesterday when two fares sold at \$15 a barrel, the highest price paid this season.

Sch. Romance, Capt. John Hickey, arrived yesterday with a 106 barrel fare. They sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Company.

Steamer Bethulia, with 16 barrels also arrived yesterday, selling to Geo. Perkins & Son.

The outlook in the Irish and Norway mackerel fishery indicates higher prices than ever before, on account of the war which has interfered with the Irish fleet more particularly. With an increased demand and shortage in production, dealers say that prices are sure to go high.

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# SCH. REX ONLY 18 DAYS GONE

## Capt. Hall Landed Fine Halibut and Shack Fare at Portland.

Arrivals here this morning were few, the only fare during the earlier part of the forenoon being sch. Flora L. Oliver, which brought down most of her big fare from Boston to split.

Sch. Rex, Capt. Augustus G. Hall came over from Portland, after disposing of 20,000 pounds of fresh halibut and 70,000 pounds shack. The latter were sold to split. The Rex was out but 18 days.

Two of the seining fleet arrived yesterday, the steamer Bethulia and sch. Romance.

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Sch. Romance, seining, 106 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Rex, via Portland.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver, via Boston, 150,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, seining, 1000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Str. Geisha, seining, 1000 lbs. fresh mackerel.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Jessie Costa, haddocking.

Sch. Esther Gray, haddocking.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Leonora Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Virginia, drifting.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, drifting.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, drifting.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, drifting.

Sch. Lillian, drifting.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, shacking.

Sch. Constellation, seining.

Sch. Arabia, drifting.

Str. Geisha, seining.

Str. Reliance, seining.

Str. Bethulia, seining.

Str. Orion, seining.

Str. Bonita, seining.

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## Some Recent Stocks.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Archie McLeod, stocked \$2965 on recent halibuting trip, from which crew shared \$62.57.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton stocked \$46 on the recent shacking trip and crew shared \$46.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Ben Cameron, mackerel seining, stocked \$1698 and the crew shared \$1698.

Sch. Victor, Capt. John Van stocked \$1529 and the crew shared \$25.06 on her recent seining trip.

## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Hiram Lowell and Ang Watson were at Canso, Wednesday.

Schs. Premier and Hiram cleared from Isaac's Harbor, Wednesday.

# SMALL CRAFT LAND AT NEWPORT

The following arrivals of mackerel were reported at Newport yesterday: Clara T, 13 barrels; vester, 8 barrels; Magnolia, 18 barrels; Marguerite, 8 barrels; Dart, 18 barrels; Pearl, 2 barrels; Wood, 16 barrels; Alice, 18 barrels; neck, William Smith's new barrels.

The fish were taken between Head and No Man's Land, says Times' correspondent writes.

## Portland Fish Notes.

Thursday was one of the best for mackerel that has been experienced for some time at Portland, as there were two arrivals with fairly sized fares while hosts of boats swarmed the wharves of concerns, trying to dispose of fares. The sloop Vigilant, which once again gone into the fishing net after taking a try at coal, arrived with a fare of about 1000 pounds of mackerel and the Emily came in with about 300 board.